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SUBJECT: CIVAIR- PANAM FREIGHTER SERVICE

REF : (A) STATE 5 9328; (B) LAGOS 2264

1. AS REPORTED REF (B) EMBASSY HAD ALREADY APPROACHED FMG TO SUPPORT PANAM' S REQUEST FOR A WEEKLY FREIGHTER SERVICE BEFORE RECEIPT REF (A). INSTRUCTION. MOT DEPPERMSEC OBI TOLD US IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO STUDY PANAM' S REQUEST UNTIL HIS CIVIL AVIATION DIVISION GOT OUT FROM UNDER BURDEN OF ROYAL JORDANIAN KANO AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND ITS IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH. HE PROMISED HAVE ONE OF HIS ASSISTANTS, UNDER SECRETARY FATOYE, LOOK INTO REQUEST, BUT LATTER TELLS US NOTHING CAN BE DONE RIGHT NOW BECAUSE CIVIL AVIATION DIVISION PERSONNEL NOT WORKING ON ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION ARE URGENTLY WORKING ON PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF NEW NAVIGATION AND SAFETY AIDS.

2. AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED, U. S. AVIATION INTERESTS ARE HAVING TOUGH TIME NOW BECAUSE OF TROUBLES OF TWA' CONTRACT AND SIAPPOINTMENT OF NIGERIANS OVER FAA OFFER OF ASSISTANCE. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE COUNTER- PRODUCTIVE TO PUSH PANAM FREIGHTER REQUEST, AT LEAST UNTIL QUESTION OF TWA MANAGEMENT CONTRACT SETTLED LATER THIS

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3. WE ARE COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH PANAM' S LOCAL
MANAGER PALTAUF WHO WE BELIEVE CONCURS THAT IT WOULD
BE UNWISE TO PUSH FREIGHTER REQUEST DURING NEXT WEEK
OR TEN DAYS.
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